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MONSANTO PRODUCT TO REPLACE
RESOFLEX 296

1. GW/AWMC, WR 67-92, PRIORITY B, 6/26/67
2. RP/RMP, 11/15/65 } copies attached
3. RP/PD, 12/23/65 }

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The attached memos show that Ray Pastorino asked PP & R's Bircham Bend Labs to compare S-262, S-278, S-462 and S-464 with the competitive products Resoflex 296, Hercoflex 900 and Harflex 340.

Dr. Farrar has pointed out that Cambridge Industries' patent claims that ether linkages in polyesters contribute to good adhesive properties.

Before we do any lab work, could you determine whether PP & R completed the work Ray asked for? And if so, whether their results can guide us?

Also, could you indicate the price range for potential competitors for Resoflex 296? I am wondering whether we could compete by blending one of our specialty plasticizers with a polyester such as S-415. Do you know of any data on the performance of S-151 (DBCA), or the glycollates, B-16, E-15 or M-17, in adhesives?

Our lab time is already heavily committed and I don't want to reproduce negative results if there is existing data from PP & R or customers' evaluations showing that this approach would be fruitless.

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